

**STATE OF COLORADO  
CITY OF CENTRAL, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 12-15**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WATER RATES AND FEES FOR WATER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Section 13-51 of the Central City Municipal Code provides that the City shall from time to time set and establish water rates at a level designed to cover the costs associated with the water system; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.3 of the Home Rule Charter requires that said water rates be approved by ordinance adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City's current water rates for commercial and residential properties are insufficient to maintain, operate and improve the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, by the end of 2012 the City will have completed installing meters on all residential properties thereby allowing residential billing to go from flat rate to a tiered rate usage structure; and

WHEREAS, the City has established new tiered rate structures for both residential and commercial water users that are expected to cover the expenses for the proper operation and maintenance of the Central City water system; and

WHEREAS, the new tiered structures are also meant to help make the billing among residential and commercial water users more equitable with water usage among these groups; and

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL, COLORADO, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The water rates and fees for water using units and water using properties shall be as follows:

- A. **Commercial Usage:** Water using units and water using properties operated by a person with the intent to carry on or take part in business, trade, occupation, vocation or calling of any kind, for profit, but not including home occupation or home business shall be charged the following:

**Tier 0** Base Rate of \$60 for those who use less than 10,000 gallons per month

**Tier 1** Base Rate of \$95 + \$7.26 per thousand gallons used from 10,001-15,000

**Tier 2** Base Rate of \$95 + \$10.89 per thousand gallons used from 15,001-20,000

**Tier 3** Base Rate of \$95 + \$13.61 per thousand gallons used from 20,001-30,000

**Tier 4** Base Rate of \$95 + \$14.97 per thousand gallons used from 30,001-50,000

**Tier 5** Base Rate of \$95 + \$16.47 per thousand gallons used over 50,000

- B. Residential Usage: All water using units and water using properties, which are not included within commercial usage shall be charged the following:

**Tier 1** Base Rate \$60 for up to 3,000 gallons used

**Tier 2** Base Rate \$60 + \$4.84 per thousand gallons used from 3,001 to 5,000

**Tier 3** Base Rate \$60 + \$5.81 per thousand gallons used from 5,001 to 7,000

**Tier 4** Base Rate \$60 + 6.97 per thousand gallons used above 7,001

EXCEPTION: Any Owner-occupant of a residential unit who is Sixty Five (65) years of age or older and who resides in the water using unit shall be charged a base rate of \$48.00 dollars per month; provided said Owner-occupant has first filed a written application and proof of said requirements of age and residence with the Finance Department of the City of Central. Charges for water usage above the base rate will be applied as above.

- C. Purchase of Water for Use Outside the City of Central: Water purchased for use outside the corporate limits of the City of Central shall pay Sixty Four Dollars (\$64.00) per One Thousand (1,000) gallons in advance of delivery.

**Section 2. Repealer.** Existing ordinances, parts of ordinances, or resolutions which are inconsistent or conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.

**Section 4. Safety Clause.** The City Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the City of Central City, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The City Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following publication, public hearing and the approval of City Council following second reading in accordance with Sections 5.9 and 5.10 of the City Charter.

**INTRODUCED AND READ** by title only on first reading at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Central on the 6th day of November, 2012, at Central City, Colorado.

**CITY OF CENTRAL, COLORADO**

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Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Linda C. Michow, City Attorney

ATTEST:

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Reba Bechtel, City Clerk

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on second reading, at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Central on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

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